

Reading Area Water Authority

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Reading Area Water Authority Stated Meeting March 26, 2009

The Stated Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the Penn Room at City Hall, Reading, PA 19601.

Present were: Board Members: Mr. John Ulrich, Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and Mr. Thomas Brogan. Mr. Dean Miller, Contract Executive Director, RAWA. Ms. Susan Days, Chief Administrative Coordinator, RAWA. Mr. Thomas Weld, BCM Engineers. Mr. Kerry Heckman, Contracted Government Accountant. Mr. Michael Setley, RAWA Solicitor. Absent were Board Members; Ms. Donna Glaze and Mr. Raymond Schuenemann III

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Mr. Thomas Brogan to approve the minutes as presented of the February 26, 2009 Stated Meeting and March 10, 2009 Workshop Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Invoices for March 2009: \$ 69,774.65
- Capital Invoices for March 2009: \$ 33,048.61
- Lease Payment April 6, 2009 \$1,327,743.25
- Current Year Meter Surcharge \$ 70,834.00

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Mr. Thomas Brogan to authorize the payment of the outstanding invoices as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Mr. Thomas Brogan to authorize the payment of the lease payment to the City of Reading as stated in the Memo received by the City of Reading Accountant Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Directors Report: Mr. Dean Miller, Executive Director, discussed

- Abandonment Resolution: The Resolution # 2009-1 was passed last meeting however is in need of signatures to be filed.
- Route 183-Route 222 Meeting: Attended meeting regarding the interconnection of Route 183 and Route 222 with PennDOT to discuss issues with the project. Discussion on the location of the potential water line relocation.
- Cotton Street: Project is underway. There was a town meeting held at 16th and Haak Elementary for the residents of Cotton Street to voice their concerns and ask questions. Representatives of Spinello Contracting, BCM Engineers and RAWA were present to answer all questions and to speak about the project in detail. There were questions and answers written down during the meeting that will be posted on the website for the City of Reading as well as the RAWA website for the residents review.
- North Heidelberg: Discussions are going forward with the purchase of the North Heidelberg Water System in the amount of \$800,000.00.

Engineers Report: Mr. Thomas Weld, Engineer, RAWA:

- Cell # 5: BCM has contacted the PADEP to see if they will accept an alternate to the permitted clay liner and is currently working the PADEP on alternative less expensive liner system. RAWA has re-applied for a permit using a compost clay liner.
- Intake Structure: Contractor has not performed the tasks as set forth in the specifications and is currently receiving liquidated damages once more. The contractor has hired a firm from California to discuss how they can fix the issues that they are having with the loggers that are not working properly.
- Alum Tank: RAWA has received notification from the PADEP and is awaiting the permit to advertise the project for bids. Projecting that the bids will be advertised in April and awarded in May 2009 to be completed in the Fall 2009.
- Birdsboro Water System: Made a presentation to Borough of Birdsboro Municipal Authority and the residents in attendance on March 16, 2009. On March 23, 2009 a formal proposal was submitted the Solicitor of the Borough of Birdsboro for review. RAWA is awaiting the award of the contract. Western Berks was the only other water company that presented a proposal as well as a presentation.

Solicitors Report: Mr. Michael Setley, Solicitor, RAWA:

- Berkshire Bottling Company: RAWA is in receipt of a new updated agreement from the Berkshire Bottling Company that consolidates the previous (2) two agreements into (1) one agreement for approval from the RAWA and signature.

Mr. Vaughan Spencer, President of the City Council of the City of Reading, was present to discuss with the Board that the City of Reading has agreed to dissolve the current agreement between with the City of Reading and the Reading School District originally allowing the Reading School District to receive free water from the Water Authority. Mr. Dean Miller provided copies of the resolution that was adopted by the City of Reading Council on July 5, 1984. In the resolution it stated that the City of Reading Administration would provide a formal letter giving the Reading School District (90) ninety days notice prior to April 1, 2009 addressing that the agreement is dissolved. It was discussed that once the Authority has received verification from the City of Reading, that the letter has been sent to, and received by the Reading School District, the RAWA would implement the doubling of the current meter surcharge.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Mr. Thomas Brogan that RAWA would agree to implement the doubling of the current meter surcharge once RAWA receives verification that the termination notice has been sent to the Reading School District in accordance with the termination provision of the original agreement dated July 5, 1984 between Reading School District and the City of Reading. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Mr. Thomas Brogan to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

The Reading Area Water Authority Stated Meeting will convene on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 3:30 PM in the Penn Room, City Hall, Reading, PA.